THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, the 23rd July 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at half past ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER:—"I have to inform the House that the Hon. the Minister for Industries is not keeping good health. Therefore, all questions pertaining to his Department on to-day's agenda will be taken up tomorrow."

Assignment of lands in Allur-Nizampatam, Guntur district.

[a] *181 Q.—SRI V. SRI KRISHNA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have recently received any communication from the District Collector of Guntur offering suggestions with respect to the assignment of lands in Allur-Nizampatam block (disafforested for the purpose); and

(b) what steps the Government propose to take upon those suggestions?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"(a) Yes.

"(b) The Collector has been asked to give higher priority to the landless poor including the Harijans in the matter of grant of these lands and to give the political sufferers only whatever land remains, provided they are entitled to the assignment under the stricter conditions recently imposed in respect of grant of land to political sufferers."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA:—"In view of the revised policy of the Government and the recent statement and promise made by the Hon. the Chief Minister on the floor of the House and in view also of the recommendations of the Collector of Guntur, will the Government cancel the orders granting 823 acres of land to political sufferers in that area, as the orders have not yet been executed and as the lands in question are already in the possession of the local landless poor?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"I think the hon. Member refers to the order dated 30th December 1950. If it is so, I want to inform him that that order is not in force now."

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[a] **Postponed from the list of questions for 22nd July 1952.**

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SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Suppose a Harijan, a political sufferer, a landless poor person and an ex-serviceman apply for land at one and the same time. May I know who will get the highest priority ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The highest priority goes to the landless poor, and the Harijan is supposed to be included in the category of landless poor persons."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Arising out of the question put by the hon. Member who preceded me, may I know the policy of the Government with regard to the grant of lands to political sufferers? May I also know whether there are any political sufferers now in this State? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I think there should be some political sufferers in the State now. On the question of policy, the first preference goes to the landless poor and then come the political sufferers and the ex-servicemen respectively."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it not a fact that the revised policy of the Hon. the Chief Minister enjoins that political sufferers should not trespass on lands already in the possession of others? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Political sufferers do not ordinarily trespass on other's lands."

Cold storage plants in the Andhra area.

* 183 Q.—DR. K. B. MENON (on behalf of Sri P. V. R. Gajapathi Raju) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to erect cold storage plants in the Andhra area ;

(*b*) whether there was a proposal before the Government to erect one at Kakinada ; and

(*c*) if so, what is the stage at which the proposal stands?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) There was a proposal by the Fisheries Department to acquire a 70-ton capacity cold store at Visakhapatnam, but this was dropped since the plant in question was considered to be too big for that area for profitable utilization. There is another proposal by the Fisheries Department to instal two units of ice factory-*cum*-cold storage plants on the East Coast under the Technical Co-operation Agreement between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America. The question whether a plant could be erected at Kakinada will be examined when the proposals are finalized."